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REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Commissioner for Patents P. O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated November 6, 2009, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration. This response is timely filed on Friday, February 12, 2010, the Patent and Trademark Office being officially closed for business for the entire day of Monday, February 8, 2010, through Thursday, February 11, 2010, due to inclement weather.

Amendments to the claims are presented on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.